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Examiner Name	Politzer, Jay L.
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Filed: January 22, 2002	)
	) Examiner: Politzer, Jay L.
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR	)
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RCE AMENDMENT SUBMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Advisory Action dated 7 October 2003, this paper is timely submitted under 37 CFR 1.114 as part of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Continued examination of the application is respectfully requested in light of the following amendment and remarks. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be deemed necessary for any reason relating to this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-2183.

**A - Introductory Comments**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.